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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, EGEN, RH  
SUBJ: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: (A) STATE 304373, (B) STATE 305990, (C) LUSAKA 3392

1. USING TALKING POINTS GIVEN IN REFTEL, I BRIEFED  
ANC/MUZOREWA LEADER CHIKEREMA DEC 23 ON THE ZIMBABWE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND. CHIKEREMA BROUGHT GEORGE NYANDORO,  
ENOCH DUMBUTSHENA AND SIMPSON MTAMBUNGENGWE WITH HIM.  
THEY WERE APPRECIATIVE OF THE BRIEFING AND PROMISED TO  
INFORM BISHOP MUZOREWA OF THE POINTS PRESENTED.

2. CHIKEREMA AND HIS COLLEAGUES DID NOT COMMENT ON THE  
SUBSTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROPOSAL. HOWEVER,  
THEY DID EXPRESS INTEREST IN KNOWING AT WHAT POINT THE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND WOULD BECOME OPERATIONAL. I SAID THAT  
THAT WAS CLEARLY RELATED TO THE SETTLEMENT DISCUSSION.  
NYANDORO SAID THAT THE ONLY GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD  
LEGITIMATELY ENTER INTO BINDING AGREEMENTS ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND AND MAKE DECISIONS ON UTILIZATION OF THE  
FUND WOULD BE ONE WHICH WAS HEADED BY A PRIME MINISTER

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CHOSEN BY ELECTION OR REFERENDUM.

3. CHIKEREMA ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE  
NATIONALIST GROUPS TO HAVE THE US/BRITISH VIEWS ON THE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND IN WRITING. HE SAID THAT RHODESIAN  
FRONT REPRESENTATIVE HAWKINS HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT IN

GENEVA INDICATING THAT THE FUND WOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE ARMAMENTS FOR RHODESIA. THIS RHODESIAN VIEW HAD ALSO SURFACED IN A DOCUMENT CIRCULATING IN GENEVA. A WRITTEN US/BRITISH POSITION WOULD HELP TO COUNTER THIS SORT OF RHODESIAN PROPAGANDA. I NOTED THAT A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT FUND WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BY WASHINGTON AND LONDON BUT AGREED TO PASS ON THE REQUEST. HOWEVER, I SAID, THE IDEA OF USING FUNDS FOR ARMAMENTS WOULD CLEARLY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO POTENTIAL DONORS.

4. CONCERNING THEIR POSITION IN LUSAKA FOLLOWING CHONA'S STATEMENT DEC 19 THAT GRZ WOULD HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH THE ANC/MUZOREWA FACTION (REFTEL C), NYANDORO SAID THIS HAD BEEN RESOLVED. CHONA, HE SAID, HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT ON DEC 20 INDICATING THAT THE SUSPENSION OF ZAMBIA'S RELATIONS WITH ANC/MUZOREWA WOULD ONLY APPLY IN GENEVA. IN ANY CASE HE SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A PERSONAL POSITION OF CHONA'S WITH WHICH KAUNDA HAD AGREED RATHER THAN A CABINET DECISION. OTHER MEMBERS OF CHIKEREMA'S PARTY WERE NOT SO SURE THAT CHONA'S CLARIFICATION HAD RELIEVED THEM OF POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES FROM THE GRZ WHILE OPERATING IN LUSAKA.  
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